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SUBJ: CSCE VENUE: AUSTRIAN ALLEGATIONS OF HELSINKI UNSUITABILITY
FOR PHASE II

REF: A. BONN 6567; B. HELSINKI 1227

1. REPORTED KIRCHSCHLAEGER COMMENTS TO SCHEEL ON FINNISH
WEAKNESS

TO SOVIET PRESSURE (SEE REFTTEL A) ACCURATELY REFLECTS WHAT AUSTRIANS HAVE BEEN TELLING US HERE FOR SOME TIME PAST. IN COURSE OF VERY RECENT CONVERSATION, HEAD OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT STEINER TOLD POLCOUN THAT MPT HAS SUCCEEDED IN DEMONSTRATING BEYOND A DOUBT THAT FINLAND IS UNDER SOVIET THUMB AND THAT FINNS ARE RUNNING CSCE WITH SOVIET GUIDANCE. STEINER SAID AUSTRIANS HAD ORIGINALLY HOPED THAT HELSINKI VENUE FOR CSCE MIGHT SERVE TO BUTTRESS FINNISH INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY VIS- A- VIS SOVIET UNION; INSTEAD IT HAS ONLY SERVED TO EXPOSE MYTH OF FINNISH NEUTRALITY. STEINER WENT ON TO SAY THAT GOA HAS NO ULTERIOR MOTIVES IN CASTING DOUBT ON " HOSTSHIP ROLE" OF GOF, INASMUCH AS LATER STAGES OF CSCE COULD PROBABLY NOT BE HELD IN VIENNA ANYWAY DUE TO CONFLICT WITH MBFR VENUE.

2. STEINER SAID THAT AUSTRIANS, LIKE THE GERMANS, ARE STILL AGHAST AT THE EXTENT TO WHICH PRESIDENT KEKKONEN HAD GROVELED BEFORE BREZHNEV WHEN KEKKONEN MADE SPEECH INDICATING APPROVAL OF SOVIET INVASION OF FINLAND IN 1939. HUMES

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